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IMA-E scores in Army-wide engineering events

Heidelberg, GE -- Both individuals and communities in Installation Management Agency-Europe (IMA-E) brought home the honors in recent Department of the Army (DA) engineering competitions.

One annual event focuses on outstanding contributions in the arena of Directorate of Public Works (DPW). From seven award categories for individuals, two of the 2004 winners herald from IMA-E. Mr. Patrick Bennett of the 100th Area Support Group (ASG) was named the William C. Gribble, Jr., DPW Executive of the Year, and Mr. Gerhard Hoessel, also from the 100th ASG, was recognized as the DPW Business Management Executive of the Year.

The Gribble DPW Executive of the Year award is open to military and civilian personnel, serving as the Director or Deputy Director of an Army installation's DPW or Facilities Engineering division. It recognizes demonstrated managerial excellence that resulted in outstanding DPW mission accomplishment. Customer satisfaction, increased employee productivity and other criteria are used to evaluate nominees. In addition to many other contributions, Mr. Bennett's work on Efficient Basing - Grafenwöhr and privatization of utilities, as well as his strong personnel management skills in keeping employees informed and communicating, earned him the award.

The DPW Business Management Executive of the Year focuses on civilian and military personnel in positions that integrate requirements and plans into successful execution of DPW programs. Such criteria as increased customer satisfaction, management innovations, and use of automation for improvements are considered. Due to Mr. Hoessel's efforts, engineering support, services and supplies are provided in a timely manner for deployment and re-integration missions, community events, military training exercises, and quality of life projects. His successful implementation of a new Electronic Transponder locking system in several buildings such as single Soldier quarters, headquarters offices, and community facilities has replaced an obsolete mechanical locking system with one that is more flexible, secure, convenient and economical.

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Also in the DPW arena, two award categories are designated to honor supportive corporations. ITT Federal Services was named the top DPW Support Contractor of the Year for their work for the 415th Base Support Battalion (BSB) in Kaiserslautern. Limited to contractors providing extensive base operations support to an Army installation, this honorary award highlights exceptional contractor DPW support with customer satisfaction as one of numerous judging criteria. Customer feedback in the area has highlighted their quality control system which emphasizes conscientiousness in daily tasks, response to short-notice requirements and a strong teamwork approach.

Separately, in the 26th Annual Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management competition, IMA-E scored in two of three categories with the following winners in their respective categories:

Installation:

6th Area Support Group, Stuttgart, Germany - Energy Efficiency/Energy Management

Small Group:

415th Base Support Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany - Energy Efficiency/Energy Management

Mr. Bob Ackley, 415th Base Support Battalion, Chief of Utilities; Mr. Dieter Haertel, 415th Base Support Battalion, Mechanical Engineer; Mr. Paul Lindemer, 415th Base Support Battalion, Chief, Facilities Engineering Division

All the winners named above in both the DPW and Energy and Water Management competitions will be recognized during the engineer component of the upcoming IMA-AUSA Training Conference to be held in Kansas City, Mo., March 29-31, 2005.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, Europe (IMA-E) is one of seven regional offices created Oct. 1, 2002, as part of an Army-wide initiative to focus management of Army installations around the world under one organization. IMA-E is responsible for all facets of support for U.S. Army Soldiers and families in Europe from facilities maintenance to child care to force protection. As the caretaker for all U.S. Army facilities in Europe, IMA-E is responsible for infrastructure and continuing the Army's strong commitment to environmental protection. Its higher headquarters is located in Arlington, Va.